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Colleagues, in this update: Potential threats to Federal Facilities, Election Security, Schedule F Background, CFC Update.

Potential Increased Threats to Federal Facilities

INVITE: Elections and Continuity of Physical Security and Personal Safety (new)

Event sponsored by the FEB Open to all Federal Employees

Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm CT Speakers Include:

Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, State of Illinois

Kevin Sligh, A/Regional Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Alex Joves, Regional Director, Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security
Agency

Registration is required for this event & event is expected to reach capacity
<https://gsa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltd-GgrDopHDt4Yf9z05u4b4sHcBQyJ90>

OCT 26 CISA Message

To promote employee vigilance and to empower personnel to observe and evaluate suspicious behaviors, mitigate potential risk, and obtain help when necessary, CISA is promoting *Employee Vigilance through the Power of Hello*. Please distribute the attached resource on the Power of Hello throughout your organizations, and we encourage everyone to view additional resources at <https://www.cisa.gov/employee-vigilance-power-hello> and <https://www.dhs.gov/sec-something-say-something>. Finally, please also find attached CISA's *Protecting Infrastructure during Public Demonstrations* fact sheet providing security recommendations for infrastructure owners and operators who may encounter unlawful acts during public demonstrations.

A number of environmental contributors (COVID-19, polarized populace, disinformation and conspiracy theories) have the potential to increase threats to federal facilities, other symbols of governance, as well as to those who may congregate around them.

We encourage you to consult the following ISC Guidance to further assist these efforts:

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- (FOUO) Appendix A - Design Basis Threat Report – 2019
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- (FOUO) Appendix B - Countermeasures – 2019
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- (FOUO & Non-FOUO) Planning and Response to an Active Shooter:
• An Interagency Security Committee Policy and Best Practices Guide
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- (FOUO) Best Practices for Managing Mail Screening and
• Handling Processes
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- (Non-FOUO) Best Practices for Mail Screening and Handling
- Processes - A Guide for the Public and Private Sectors
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POC CISA: Joe Lang, joseph.lang1@hq.dhs.gov (See Three Attachment)

NATIONAL UPDATES

1.

2. **FBI: Election Crimes and Security**

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The FBI has posted a series of election security PSAs over the last couple of weeks. These PSAs will be accessible on the Election Crimes and Security page on [fbi.gov](https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes/election-crimes-and-security)
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3. **FEMA: Best Practices for Fire and EMS Civil Unrest Response**

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FEMA has created guidance for responding to civil unrest incidents. This includes best practices for Coordinating Response Activities, Modifying Operations Based on Perceived Threat or Risk, Maintaining Situational Awareness, and Issues Related to Operations During COVID-19.

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/operations/civil_unrest/operations.html

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4. **CISA: Statement from CISA Director Krebs on Security and**

5. **Resilience of 2020 Elections**

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“We’re now in the final stretch of the election and tens of millions of voters have already cast their votes free from foreign interference. We remain confident that no foreign cyber actor can change your vote, and we still believe that it would be incredibly difficult for them to change the outcome of an election at the national level. ... The last line of defense in election security is you, the American voter — so be prepared for efforts that call into question the legitimacy of the election. I’m confident that American voters are going to decide the 2020 elections and you should be too, so get out there and vote with confidence and help us #Protect2020.”

Please see the full press release here: <https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/10/20/statement-cisa-director-krebs-security-and-resilience-2020-elections>.

#PROTECT2020 is a national call to action initiated by CISA, the lead federal agency responsible for national election security, to enhance the integrity and resilience of the Nation’s election infrastructure, and ensure the confidentiality, truthfulness, and accuracy of the free and fair elections necessary for our American way of life.

<https://www.cisa.gov/protect2020>

CISA also unveiled a new **Rumor Control** web page which details the agency’s efforts to combat disinformation.

<https://www.cisa.gov/rumorcontrol>

Mis- and disinformation can undermine public confidence in the electoral process as well as our democracy. Learn more about foreign interference here:

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5. Schedule F Resources

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a.

b. **White House: Executive Order on Creating Schedule F In**

C. The Excepted Service

d.

To effectively carry out the broad array of activities assigned to the executive branch under law, the President and his appointees must rely on men and women in the Federal service employed in positions of a confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character. Faithful execution of the law requires that the President have appropriate management oversight regarding this select cadre of professionals.

Read the full Executive Order Here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-creating-schedule-f-excepted-service/>

b.

c. **OPM: Guidance on Implementation of Schedule F Executive**

d. **Order**

e.

The Executive Order directs each agency head to review positions within his or her agency and identify those positions appropriately categorized as confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating, and then petition OPM to place those positions in Schedule F. Agencies have 90 days to conduct a preliminary review of positions and submit petitions, with an additional 120 days to finalize that review and submit any remaining petitions.

Read OPM's full guidance here:

<https://www.chcoc.gov/content/instructions-implementing-schedule-f>

5.

6. **Open Health Care Season is November 09, 2020 - December**

7. **14, 2020**

8. Find all the resources you need to make informed decisions about your health, dental, vision, or flexible spending account benefits.

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<https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/open-season>

OTHER EVENTS

- 1.
2. **University and Veterans Outreach with GSA**
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Thursday, November 5, 2020 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm CT

Registration is required for this event.

<https://gsa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf-6urjkrHgrP2zYpThln0Hffn4pBNUQ>

Sign your agency up for an outreach event by emailing chicagofeb@gsa.gov

- 2.
3. **Bit by Bit: How governments used**
4. **technology to move the mission forward during COVID-19 (new)**
- 5.

Tuesday, December 8, 12:00 - 1:00 CST

More so than previous crises, the pandemic continues to highlight technology's importance to government. To examine their stories and lessons learned, the Partnership for Public Service and Microsoft interviewed more than a dozen technology and government management experts from federal, state and local governments.

RSVP Required: <https://ourpublicservice.org/events/bit-by-bit-how-governments-used-technology-to-move-the-mission-forward-during-covid-19/>

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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